

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

June 5, 2008

15 South 15th Avenue, Suite 103-A
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Members Present:

David Landrith, Chair
Colleen Brophy, M.D.
Barbara Wuebbels, R.N.
Lon Owen, Ph.D.
Greg Garcia, Esq.
Joan Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.
David Jerman

Staff Present:

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.
James Matthews
Damika Brock

Absent:

Manuel Modiano

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Chair Landrith. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Owen moved to adopt the minutes of February 14, 2008. Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Jack LaSota provided a summary of legislative activities related to the Commission.

Executive Director Schroeder provided an update on the status of the Clinical and Translational Science Award application. The Arizona application is now titled Health Research Alliance Arizona. Because of the down turn in Commission revenue, the Commission's role in the HRAA is being re-evaluated.

Commissioner Owen updated the Commission on TGen Board of Director activities. Commission funds and support remain critical to TGen success. TGen has submitted 111 proposals for extracurricular funding and 27 percent have been funded.

Dot Reinhardt of the Auditor General's Office provided an update in Executive Session of the Commission Performance Audit. Commissioner Owen moved that the Commission go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.A.2. at 10:28 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The Commission returned to open session at 10:46 AM.

Executive Director Schroeder discussed the status of the biorepository project. The legislature has not appropriated any funding for the Arizona Non-Embryonic Stem Cell Repository. The Arizona Parkinson Center project was also discussed. Commission funding will end in September and the status of future funding from either Michael J. Fox Foundation or the NIH Udall Centers is unknown at this time.

Commissioner Wuebbels moved that the Commission go into Executive Session for review and discussion of possible selection and modification of requests for proposals 08-100 pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.2. Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission began the Executive Session at 11:06 AM. The Commission returned to open session at 12:23 PM.

Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Jerman seconded that based on their scientific merit, the stage of the principal investigator's career, and the application of the biomedical

research to Arizona that the projects on the attached sheet be selected for award. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Wuebbels moved and Commissioner Owen seconded that based on their scientific merit, the stage of the principal investigator's career, and the application of the biomedical research to Arizona the proposals listed on the attached sheet be selected as alternates pending available funding. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Owen moved and Commissioner Wuebbels seconded that an additional external reviewer be sought for proposal number 84 "Disease Modifying Effects of Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors in a Transgenic Mouse Model of Alzheimer's Disease." The possibility of award is reserved based on the review and Commission evaluation. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no other business.

Chair Landrith made a call to the public. There was no response.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday September 11, 2008 at 10:30 AM.

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James Matthews
Deputy Director